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## Somebody Help Us Let Go

**Administration Has Got us Tangled up with Germany and Mexico.--Kaiser's Answer "Disappointing" they say.--Butting into Mexico Again.**

It is a lamentable fact that when disputes arise between nations the public is seldom, if ever, permitted to know the real cause. Almost invariably the real cause is suppressed and covered by some alleged humanitarian flub-dub. Bureaucrats in high places and pull the strings, while the jingo press works up the necessary "patriotism."

A year or so ago we got awfully mad at old Heurta because he wouldn't salute our flag in Mexico. Anyhow, that was what we were told. We were so mad that we sent war ships and soldiers to Mexico to shoot up Vera Cruz--killing about 200 people who had nothing to do with the alleged quarrel--among them children on their way to school.

Incidentally we got 21 of our own young men killed by snipers shooting from church steeples--or otherwise. Yet, to this day, nobody outside the "inner circle" knows what it was all about. Old Heurta never did salute the flag. The Constitutionists were so close on his heels that he didn't have time. He fled the country, and I am still wondering if our real purpose down there was to help him get away in safety.

Nothing was heard about saluting the flag after our troops got on Mexican soil. Nor has there been anything heard of it since--except in ridicule. About a month ago Heurta came over from Spain and landed in New York. He has been in this country ever since. If Heurta sufficiently outraged the "honor" of our nation to justify us in going to Mexico to kill and be killed, what has he since done to wipe out that outrage? Why is he permitted to be here unmolested now? If we were justified in going after Heurta with guns and cannon then, what has removed that justification?

Can it be that he is behind the intervention movement that is gaining such headway? Sure not. Heurta says so himself. Last week in the same papers that were howling for intervention, he gave an interview by Heurta saying we mustn't do it. It was about the rawest horse-play that ever came down the pike. Yet nine of every ten newspaper readers took him seriously. They don't understand how such dope is prepared--nor way?

It was not until after the arrival of Heurta that we heard of the starvation in Mexico. Now the papers are full of it. And the president is laying his plans for intervention.

Maybe you can figure it out. I can't, unless it is because the people who have been fighting for Mexico to belong to the Milwaukee Leader says:

"If President Wilson has had any Mexican policy other than that of waiting for something to turn up, he purposes to change it. The administration's Mexican policy, or lack of policy, has been one of the most amazing exhibitions of diplomatic incompetence in American history."

"The president's reluctance to recognize the assassin, Heurta, was based on the highest sentiment. If the administration had pursued its announced policy of non-intervention, it could have avoided many of the pitfalls and blunders into which it has since fallen. But while protesting that he would not intervene, he did intervene."

"President Wilson sent his special representative to Mexico. He demanded a new election. He sought, without using force, to arrange the internal affairs of Mexico. No one in Mexico, of course, paid any attention to what he said. Everyone had taken the measure of his administration."

"Then came the Vera Cruz fiasco. To punish Heurta for an insult to the flag, due to the arrest of American sailors by a subordinate official and their immediate release with profuse apologies, Mexico was invaded, several hundred Mexicans killed, and 21 American lives sacrificed. No apology was obtained from Heurta."

"Vera Cruz was held, however, until Heurta was overthrown--the army which had been sent to punish him serving to protect him from his enemies and enable him to escape. But the capacity of the administration to blunder had not ended. In the course of its "non-intervention" it had found Carranza unfriendly and had indicated that it desired his elimination. Thereupon it evacuated Vera Cruz, which had proved a coign of vantage, and Carranza marched in and took possession of the customs receipts. All the advantage gained--all of the leverage that the possession of that important port gave to the United States as a peace-maker--was sacrificed."

"The administration, on its confession, has failed in its Mexican policy, or lack of policy. It had two courses open to it. One course was to keep hands off and let the Mexicans settle their own affairs in their own way. The other course was to intervene and assist the strongest faction and the fac-

tion which promised to bring about a settlement that would prove satisfactory to a majority of the Mexican people.

"The administration has wavered between these two policies. It has intervened. It has invaded Mexico. It has aided first one faction and then the other. But whatever it has done it has done weakly and ineffectively. If it had kept hands off altogether, insisting only that the lives and property of American citizens should be respected, the same as the lives and property of the citizens of other nations, it would have done a great deal better and have escaped the humiliation which has overtaken it."

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We are living in a transition period--the greatest the world has ever known. The world is on fire and the conflagration is spreading. Canada, to the north of us, is into it, and Mexico, to the south is ablaze. So far we have escaped, but for how long no one knows. We are tied up with the different capitalist nations at war, and how eager our capitalists are to push this country into the murder-fest is shown by the noise made over the sinking of the Lusitania. Every effort was made by the capitalist press to stampede the people into it.

The mind that does not know history is dumbfounded--for to such a mind there appears no cause for it all. But the mind that understands history sees in it the irresistible forces of evolution at work. The capitalist system has played its part and is passing off the stage--just as the feudal system went out.

In Mexico it is actual revolution. In Europe it was the fear of revolution. Every country seethed with unrest, and every country had become so loaded with armaments that something had to happen. Any czar, kaiser or king would rather be overthrown by the enemy beyond the border than the enemy within. If the enemy beyond the border wins, the ruler usually gets his job back on conditions that he tax his people to pay a heavy indemnity. If the enemy within wins the ruler has to hike it. Hence it was better from the standpoint of rulers for them to start the trouble than for them to wait for the people to do it.

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Revolution! The people have been taught to despise the term. Yet, without it, no working man in any country would have a voice in government nor any rights. All would be master and slave.

What is a revolutionist? He is usually an advanced thinker who sees beyond the shams and hypocrisies of his time. He is opposed to tyranny and an advocate of freedom and liberty. By the ruling class of his time he is denounced as a traitor and disturber and--don't forget it--against the established religion.

I have in mind a very distinguished relict who was the most hated man of his time. His name was Jesus Christ. We are taught that Christ was put to death because of his religious teachings, but that isn't so. Then, as now, the ruling class didn't care a cuss what sort of religion you had, so long as you didn't threaten their profits. Jesus sealed his doom when he drove the "money changers" from the temple and said they were making it of the temple of thieves. Of course the pillars of the church couldn't stand for anything like that coming from an humble carpenter.

Perhaps you have heard of another very distinguished rebel by the name of George Washington. How the pulp of England roared against this "blasphemous traitor." And let me here--point out the difference between honor and dishonor, as measured by the recognized standard. Had the revolution failed, Washington and his associates would have gone down in history as the most infamous of traitors and outlaws. But the revolution won, and history tells a different story. Instead of traitors and outlaws, they are the "fathers of our country."

In Mexico the revolutionists have won two distinct victories. They drove out Diaz and they drove out Heurta. But each time the foreigners who own Mexico, aided by "the church," have started a fresh revolution. At present these foreign interests, with headquarters in New York, London, Berlin and Paris, are behind Villa, a former revolutionary leader.

In the New York Call appeared an article by Dr. Atl, who is credited with being the soul of the Mexican revolution. He was born in Mexico, has traveled over most of the world and is a brilliant thinker. It is because the brains of Mexico is with the revolution that it cannot be put down.

What attracted my attention most in Dr. Atl's article was the plan upon which the revolutionists propose to build. Mexico is

in the last stages of feudalism. Capitalism has just begun to develop. The natural or evolutionary progress of society is from slavery to feudalism, from feudalism to capitalism and the Socialism claim, from capitalism to Socialism.

But in Mexico, according to Dr. Atl, the revolutionists propose to side-step capitalism and jump from feudalism to Socialism. He says that reforms within the regulated state are impossible, and if we look at our own efforts at reform we must admit he is right. Our national congress and our state legislatures have been "reforming" things for the past half century, and the more "reform" we get, the worse we are off.

If the interests that have looted Mexico could have a government established like our own, they wouldn't care a cuss who was at its head. But the Mexicanans propose to establish the needed reforms before the establishment of a regular form of government. They have had too much government and fear it. In the Call Dr. Atl writes:

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We are living in the most important period of the history of human kind. The agitation of the diverse races which people the earth is all-embracing and intense and reveals on all sides powerful aspirations to establish universal well-being, pointing out ungratified, making violent protests against the imposition of long-existing oppressions.

From Japan to Mexico, from Mexico to China, from the youthful colonies of New Zealand to the mines of Colorado, throughout the extension of the earthly planet, humanity is a prey to the all-pervading agitation.

A profound commotion has taken place, a burning desire for the millennium of liberty and justice that desire of justice and liberty which has been lying dormant but not the less latent in the past--now begins to manifest itself by a muffled rumbling which is the forerunner of the storm which will strike the earth and demolish old institutions which have till now enslaved mankind--and men will look on impassible.

In Europe as in America, in America as in Australia, in Asia as well as in the African continent, there has long since commenced a struggle which, though unlike in its manifestations and conducted in different ways, has one and the same origin--hunger of the masses. And collective hunger has but one enemy--the state. The state is the lawful synthesis of aggregated preponderance.

The state of today, like the feudal system of yesterday, and the city of olden times, are the crystallization of the three unique generating and monopolizing forms of the vitality and intellect of men in all mass-religion, militarism and commerce.

Against these the active conscience of the new generations now turn, arrogant and retributive. This consciousness is embodied in the violent deeds of the revolutionary groups and of the sound-minded and disinterested men who compose the party called constitutionalists.

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The tendency to establish the reforms needed by the people before the establishment of a regular form of government proves that the Mexican revolution formally admits that it is not possible to effect reforms within the law-regulated state. This powerful radicalism constitutes the terror of the European chancelleries and business men, because it makes them realize the danger which threatens the political institutions which now govern the world, and also the foreign interests in Mexico. But it is also this radicalism which constitutes the strength of the revolution.

Our attitude against the tyranny, against the principles and against the protectionism of Gen. Heurta, our firm stand against the attitude of the clergy and the business men, our attitude toward the policy, not of the American government, but toward the principles of the mercenary American press, our actual rebellion which, by its violence, assumes the aspirations and responsibilities of the republic, give evident proof that we are not disposed to accept the governmental crystallization until the wants of the race have been definitely satisfied, and until their ardent desire for liberty and justice have acquired a solid foundation on which to lean later on, with more stubbornness to defend its rights against the new obstacle which will undoubtedly, but fatally appear--the government.

Our struggle is not a civil struggle. It is the struggle for individual autonomy and for the realization of collective rights. We are not discussing political principle--we are struggling for an economic necessity. Our revolution is a social revolution--the biggest social revolution of our time.

THE END IS NOT YET.  
From the Milwaukee Leader:

It is becoming more evident that the world war has not yet reached its apex. The entrance of Italy and the threat of more participants shows that the earth is still under the sign of Mars, to fall back to a phraseology and philosophy as antiquated as the madness of a blood-lusting patriotism. The world still worships secret diplomacy, imperialism, autocracy, exploitation, human slavery and the scramble for power and markets, and will rally to defend these, no matter through what horrors the road may lead, if those who lure them on wave the proper bunting and sound the familiar war cries.

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It is harder still to teach it a lesson--especially when it is an unwilling pupil and half crazy to boot. Not until the people of Europe shall be scourged with scorpions as compared with the rods with which they are now being beaten will they awake from their delirium.

Worst of all, the madness seems contagious. If Italy, after watching the war for nine months was moved by its glamour instead of being repelled by its horrors, then we may be sure that those who are still treading the measures of the bloody dance are not yet ready to rest.

The United States offers further proof of how deeply the virus has penetrated. Never was jingoism so rampant as now. Never was there such a demand for military preparations, although there was never a moment when the rest of the world was less capable of doing us injury.

The worst therefore is that not only is the end not yet, but the end is not even in sight. It will come some time, and the greater the fury of the storm that rages the greater the change it will make in the society across which it is blowing. When the end does appear to be near there will be work for those who have kept their heads in this mad world, and of these, in spite of all the mistakes and the yielding to evil, the majority will be found in the ranks of the International Socialist movement.

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INVITING HARVEST HANDS.  
Enid, Okla., June 4.--Militiamen patrolled the city today following the deportation of 300 harvest hands who had threatened food raids unless the city promised to hire two hundred other hands as still here, but there is prospect that they, too, will be deported.

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A few weeks ago the United States department of agriculture sent out notices that 20,000 men were wanted for the harvest in Oklahoma. Now word comes that three hundred men in the heart of the wheat belt of Oklahoma, who were looking for work, have been driven out of the city by the state militia.

The United States government invited those men to go to Oklahoma. Will it use the federal army to protect their lives and constitutional rights?

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We need a great army, say the jingoes, to protect American civilization and care for the rights of American citizens.

Well, here is a case where the rights of American citizens are invaded. The federal constitution is violated. Violence has been laid upon those for whom the stars and stripes are supposed to wave.

Moreover, because of the invitation extended by the national government to these men to go to Oklahoma, that government becomes particularly responsible for their safety.

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A Rhode Island oyster farm ranges in size from those of two or three acres to others of many hundreds. These farms of the sea are widely different of those on shore, for while the latter are circumscribed as a rule by their own boundaries the fields of the former are widely scattered, some of them being more than 20 miles apart.

This is due to the fact that the oyster farmer cannot, as does the farmer on shore, purchase his land outright, but must lease it from the state for a period of 10 years only, and when he desires to add to his holdings must make application to the state.

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His application is granted only after it has been duly advertised to give anyone who wishes the opportunity of opposing it. The oyster farmer pays the state an annual rental of from \$5 to \$10 an acre for his ground--more than \$100,000. This is more than any other state derives from its oyster business.

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HOW PAT GOT EVEN  
Pat was over in England working with his coat off. There were two Englishmen laboring on the same railroad, so they decided to have a joke with the Irishman. They painted a donkey's head on the back of Pat's coat, an dwatch to see him put it on. Pat, of course, saw the donkey's head on his coat, and turning to the Englishmen, said, "Which of ye wipped yer face on me coat?"--Lippincott's.

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FENCING  
They were discussing the war. "In France," said Mr. Cityman, "the men are all expert fencers." "Well, I swan!" exclaimed Farmer Meddengrass. "Rail or barbed wire?"--Judge.

HOBSON AGAIN.  
Next to Roosevelt I have considered Richard Hobson the most blustering jingo and war maniac of the nation. But at the present time Mr. HOBSON appears to be entirely sane and insists that President Wilson is making demands of Germany that are impossible.

After the German answer arrived last week the jingo press made Wilson appear as going right after the Kaiser. Hobson sent a telegram to the president to keep his shirt on.

Referring to Germany's contentions that the Lusitania was armed, carried troops and munition and was in effect a submarine destroyer, Capt. Hobson wired the president:

"If the contention is correct our Government has no standing in international law demanding a disavowal. Unless these questions of facts are determined through judicial investigation, history and sober humanity would condemn us, our Government, and our people for persisting in our demands for disavowal. Obviously, we cannot insist on our demands for the abandonment of submarine warfare any more than we would demand an abandonment of dreadnought warfare, or aerial warfare, or torpedo warfare."

"The demands you have made clearly cannot be complied with by Germany. The papers shadow your insisting upon them without regular investigation--judicial procedure. This would mean war of your own choice and seeking."

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DIPLOMACY.  
The reply of the German government over the sinking of the Lusitania is a disappointment, for it is an adroit use of words and terms which really mean nothing, but an evasion of the points at issue.--Dexter Messenger.

All of which proves that our "statesmen" are not the only ones who can talk without saying anything. But just to what extent the German answer was a disappointment I fail to understand.

The German answer was just about what might have been expected. In a furor of blow and bluster, the administration over at Washington went off half-cocked--just as it did when it got into a quarrel with a Mexican bandit that it refused to recognize as anything else.

To the man up a tree it would appear that the Washington government had gotten itself into a worse mess than it did in Mexico. Last week was spent in preparing an answer to Germany's answer, and, according to press reports, we will insist on a definite reply as to Germany's future plan of submarine warfare. If there was any part of the German reply that could not be misunderstood, it seems to me it was on that very point. It said:

"The German government has no intention of submitting neutral ships in the war zone, which are guilty of no hostile acts, to attacks by submarines or aviators. On the contrary, the German forces have repeatedly been instructed most specifically to avoid attacks on such ships."

What more can the administration ask on that point? As for the Lusitania, the June Review of Reviews suggests that no one should "ride on an ammunition wagon and expect his American citizenship to protect him from harm."

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ABOUT OYSTER FARMS.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 9.--By an application of the principle of the single tax, the state of Rhode Island obtained an income of more than \$100,000 on its oyster beds, and also prevents many of the evils of monopoly.

To all intent and purposes Narragansett bay is one huge oyster farm more than 15,000 acres of the waters being under cultivation. It is hard to realize that from 20 to 50 feet under the surface there are laid out in mechanical regularity, farms as large as any of those on shore.

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## IN THE SOUTHEAST.

**What the People are Doing in Other Counties that are Near.**

Charleston Enterprise.--James A. Nolin, 64 years old, shot his wife to death with a shot gun and then turned the gun and blew his own life out, at their home, one mile south of Crosno in this county. It is said that Mrs. Nolin was 68 years of age. A divorce suit brought by Mrs. Nolin is in the courts at this time which we are told recites as a cause, that he was extremely cruel to her and of very bad temper. She has been living with her son-in-law for some time and on Wednesday in company with two neighbor women she went over to the Nolin home to attend to some small matters. On arriving they were met by Mr. Nolin who was in his night clothes and who in the presence of the witnesses told his wife he was very sick and wanted to talk to her privately and she passed into the room. He then told the ladies who accompanied her to part as Mrs. Nolin was his wife and he proposed to talk to her. These women immediately hurried away but before they got out of hearing distance the heard Mrs. Nolin begging for her life, then a gunshot and soon another gunshot, after which all was quiet.

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Dexter Messenger.--J. Gus Johnson fell from a scaffold at the Diesel farm, eight miles southwest of Dexter, and sustained injuries which will confine him to his home for several days. His nose was crushed, cheek bone fractured, teeth loosened, a long gash cut in his arm, and bruises about the face, body and limbs. He was painting directly under the eaves of a large barn, and was working on a swinging scaffold. A painter named Morris Isaac was on the scaffold with him. The rope broke precipitating the two men to the ground below, a distance of thirty feet. Directly underneath where the men were at work was a large watering trough, containing about two feet of water. Isabel fell broadside in this water, and escaped injury. Johnson, in his fall, struck the sides of the trough. He was picked up unconscious.

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Some time ago Sikeston voted bonds to build a school house. When the bonds were recently offered for sale, according to the Herald, they were turned down by the bonding company. The Missouri law requires that to carry a bond issue it is necessary to receive a majority of two-thirds of all the votes cast "on the proposition." This majority was received. But the attorneys for the bonding company, who are supposed to be experts on such matters, hold that this law is in conflict with the state constitution which requires two-thirds of all the votes, whether cast or not. In that case, what becomes of our court house bonds? That proposition received only about one-fourth of all the votes of the county. Sikeston will order a new election and try again.

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John Smith, who was arrested last week on suspicion that he had entered a trunk of his brother-in-law, O. L. Peerman, a farmer near Malden, and extracted \$450 in cash while Mr. and Mrs. Peerman were at a funeral, has confessed and implicated another young man named Lee Arnold. When Arnold was arrested and searched, \$65 was found on him. He had been going the goods bought new and flashy clothes, a kodak and was "touched" by a life insurance agent. The boys had divided the money equally and Smith was taken from jail to the home place where he pulled his part from between two bales of hay in the barn.

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Caruthersville Democrat. The forerunner of our regular "June rise" has reached this locality and the Mississippi river is out of its banks at several low places, and considerable land is inundated, especially in this so on the Tennessee side. L. B. Powell, who has several hundred acres in cultivation across the river from this city, has something like 125 acres of corn under water, and it is still rising. While considerable acreage on the Missouri side is also submerged, the conditions here are not as bad as on the east side and most farmers are figuring on replanting as soon as the waters recede.

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Jackson Cashbook.--What might have been a disastrous fire was prevented by almost superhuman efforts yesterday forenoon about ten o'clock. Some one threw away a cigarette stub carelessly and it fell into a bucket of gasoline at the Miller garage. In the excitement and confusion it was accidentally kicked over, throwing the burning gasoline under a new Maxwell car belonging to Mr. Miller. The car was badly scorched. With the floor so completely saturated with oil and gasoline as it is from several years' usage, it is simply a wonder that the large frame building is not in ruins.

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There is something radically at fault with the character that can be permanently injured by truth. Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

Although they abolished the saloon in Mississippi county many years ago, it does not appear that they have solved the liquor problem. The Charleston Enterprise says: "Citizens of Mississippi County who live north of our city in Texas Bend are being imposed upon; Charleston people and the entire county are suffering disgrace; all because of the infamous liquor traffic that is being carried on at what is known as the 'whiskey boat,' which is anchored on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River across from Bryant's Landing, about seven miles north of Charleston. A prominent farmer who lives on the main road to that point was heard to say recently that conditions are fast becoming intolerable, made so by the coarse, loud and obscene language of drunken occupants of automobiles that ply between a good many points in Scott and Mississippi counties. He is authority for the statement that this thing is going on at all hours of the night and on some occasions the guffaws of female voices are heard in passing motor cars, late at night. Take the profit out of the liquor traffic and that 'whiskey boat' will disappear."

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Jackson Items.--Lightning at times plays strange and inexplicable pranks. During one of the thunder storms a few nights ago a bolt struck a large wild cherry tree on the farm of E. A. Haertling, six miles southeast of Jackson, not at the top but about three feet above the ground and cut the tree completely off. Not only that, but the force of the lightning tore out the stump as completely as a big charge of dynamite could have done it, pieces too heavy for a man to lift being thrown far away. The trunk of the tree settled down in the hole where the stump had been.

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Last summer Oscar Miller, a railroad man, and W. A. Stone, a plasterer, bought adjoining lots in the suburbs of Cape Girardeau, on which to build homes. A month or so ago Miller began building a nice cottage. Last week Stone prepared to do the same. Then it was discovered that, by mistake, Miller had built on Stone's lot. The house is nearly finished and will have to be moved. Why don't they trade lots?

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A farmer rushed up to the home of a country doctor in the village late one night and besought him to come at once to a distant farmhouse.

The medicine man hitched up his horse and they drove furiously to the farmers' home. Upon their arrival the farmer said:

"How much is your fee, Doc?"

"Three dollars," said the physician in surprise.

"Here yare," said the farmer handing over the money. The blamed liveryman wanted five dollars to drive me home."

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There is no telling what a ruling class can teach its people to believe. The Turks believe their Sultan with his harem of several hundred wives to be a sort of deputy god on earth, and that if they fall in battle in his defense they will go straight up to glory. The Japanese have similar superstitions.

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